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SINCLAIR SEXSMITH is a leather Daddy who has been pursuing kink since the telnet chatrooms of the mid-1990s. They study embodiment and sensation from subtle to bold in a post-modern queer Tantric lineage, and combine gender theory with power dynamics for potent psychological play. Since 2006, they have produced the award-winning website *Sugarbutch Chronicles: The Sex, Gender, and Relationship Adventures of a Kinky Queer Butch Top* at sugarbutch.net. Contributing to more than twenty anthologies, including five *Best Lesbian Erotica* editions and *Take Me There: Trans and Genderqueer Erotica*, Mr. Sexsmith is the guest editor of *Best Lesbian Erotica 2012* and editor of *Say Please: Lesbian BDSM Erotica*, both from Cleis Press. They are on the board of the upcoming 2013 [BUTCH Voices conference](#), produce programs for the [Lesbian Sex Mafia](#) in New York City, and serve the [Body Electric School](#) as a workshop coordinator. Sinclair prefers the pronouns they/them and the masculine honorific “Mr.”

WORKSHOP OFFERINGS 2012-2013

BEGINNER

Writing Dirty: Skills for Writing About Sex

Ideal for beginner to intermediate writers in a 10-20 person group.

To write about sex well you need the boldness to command and describe the dirty and oh so delicious acts we humans explore, and the basic writing skills of plot, setting, and character. In this pen-to-paper writing workshop we'll look at some examples of extremely successful and unsuccessful erotica, steamy love letters for your sweetheart, how to step up your blog to the next level, where to submit your work for publication in the erotica world, and some quick basics for editing your work. Bring a paper and writing utensil, we will be doing writing exercises.

Cock Confidence: Strap-On 101

Sinclair's signature class; presented at KinkForAll New York City, Fascinations (Portland, OR), Butch Voices NYC, Good Vibrations (Boston), and others. Beginner to intermediate; ideal for 20-30 people.

Many of us have experience with strapping on, packing, and playing, but there are lots of new products out there on the market that might be exciting and that you haven't encountered yet. Writer and sex educator Sinclair Sexsmith talk about what cocks are good for packing, what options are out there for pack-and-play, which harnesses are the most loved, and which to avoid. Plus, they'll delve into some cock confidence, getting into the psychology of penetration, and discussing what it's like to shoot from the hip. Come get the nuts and bolts of strapping it on and fucking. You'll learn about positions and lube, how different products work, what "cock confidence" means, and the psychology behind strapping on and playing with a cock with a partner, or with oneself.



Photo by Syd London; Cock Confidence at BUTCH Voices 2010 in New York City

Talking Dirty: How to Let Your Tongue Go

Beginner to intermediate; ideal for 20-30 people.

Talking dirty in the bedroom can be terrifying at first, but once you unlock your tongue, you'll find yourself saying all sorts of delicious things! Come to this workshop and we'll figure out what's tying our tongues in the first place, what's holding us back from being more free with our language in the bedroom, and what the heck we should say to enhance our sex and intensity our sensation. The brain is the biggest sex organ, after all, and the more we can turn on our minds, the better our experiences will be.

Fucking Forever: Sex in Long Term Relationships

Beginner to intermediate; ideal for 20-30 people.

New relationship energy can propel a couple into a phenomenal experiential phase of sexual energy—bursts of passion, exploration, and intensity. Long term relationships, however, face the day-to-day life navigation of bills, scheduling, job and career difficulties or changes, disappointments, changes, and grief. How do we build a long term relationship that keeps the passion alive? How do we ensure we have enough time for our partner(s), and for ourselves? How do we both separate from our partner to have our own rich inner life and come back together to build a loving bond? And what kind of kinky play can be used to keep the fire going? We'll explore all of these concepts and more at this interactive workshop.

Flirting, Foreplay, & Fucking

Presented at Dark Odyssey: Fusion and Summer Camp. Ideal for 20-30 people

We all want to get laid. But making it happen in real life can be a lot harder than we want it to be. Do you wish more people would hit on you? How do you make yourself more available? We can all use some practice asking for what we want, but how do you escalate from flirting to foreplay and foreplay to fucking? Learn to perfect the art of the tease, draw out your potential lover's interest, and make sex even hotter in the process.

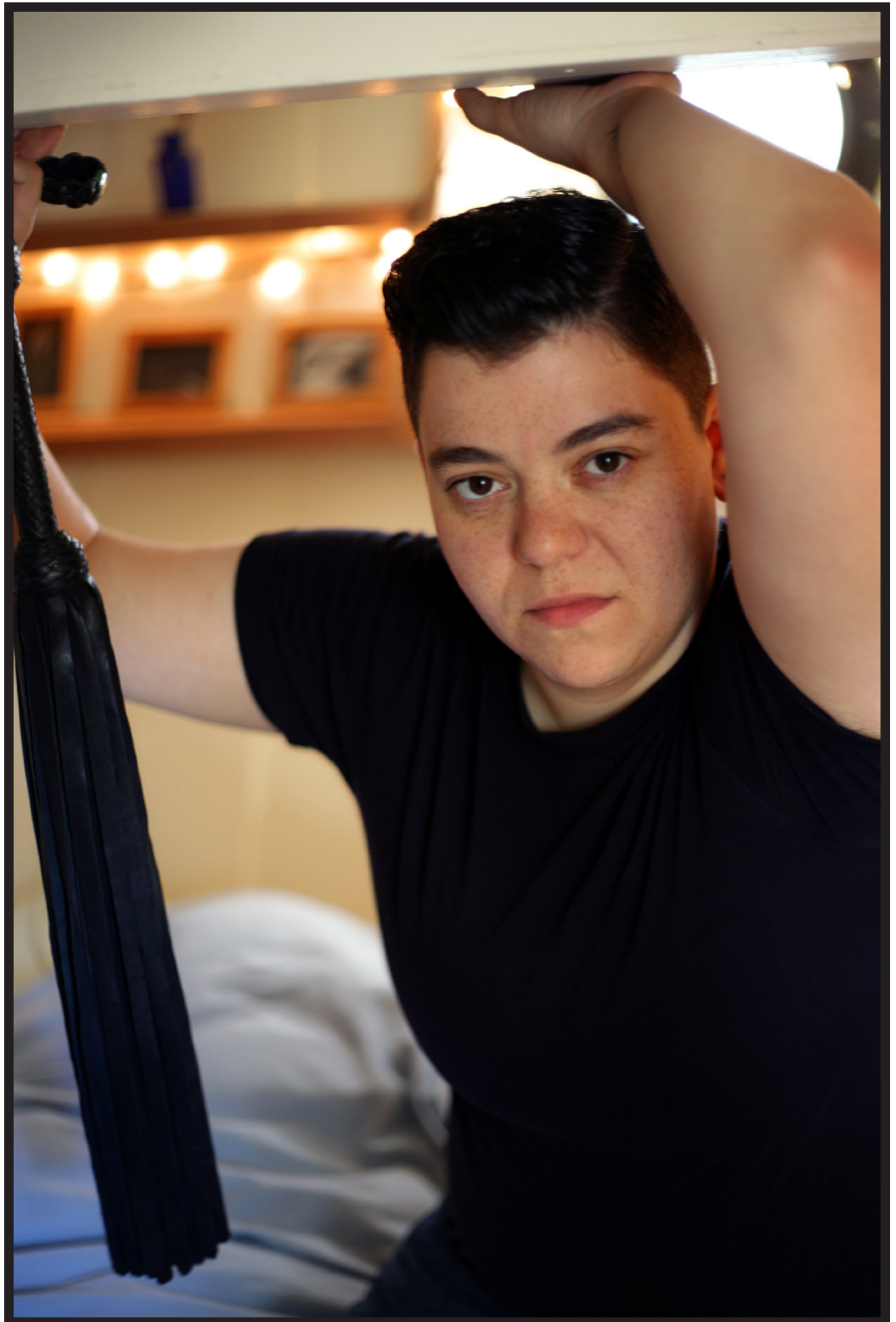


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INTERMEDIATE

Queering Power Dynamics: D/s, Age Play, and Beyond

Ideal for 20-30 people

Top, bottom, switch, and everything in between: many of us like to explore what it's like to give up or take power in our sex play. Some of us even like to play with psychological domination and submission. Let's explore 24/7 role play or domination and submission. What happens when we incorporate identities like "Daddy" from the leather community? What could other age play roles of bigs and littles, Daddies and Mommies, boys and bois and girls and grrrls, have to offer us as we seek deeper and more fulfilling sex explorations? We'll discuss bringing a power exchange relationship of any sort from the bedroom into a 24/7 lifestyle, what the benefits are for both, and how to go about navigating long term fulfillment for all parties within the relationship.

Owning Your Birthday Suit: Practices for Embodiment

With co-presenter Amy Butcher. Participation-based workshop, ideal for 10-20 people



At Babeland in Seattle; Photo by BB Rydell

Kinky, poly, leather, queer, genderqueer, trans, sex-positive, and other outlaw folks often find it easy to explore sex, but it might still be hard to be present in our bodies, to feel the powerful connection between genitals, heart, and mind. Explore a variety of playful experiential exercises to increase embodiment while respecting stone sexualities and everyone's boundaries. Learn some simple tools to feel erotic energy, build connection to your desires, and feel more alive and at home in your body. Experience the taboo power of sharing this exploration within community. These exercises are clothes-on and touch optional. Amy Butcher and Sinclair Sexsmith met at a tantra retreat in 2009 and have worked together for deeper embodiment and gender liberation ever since. They both study erotic energy and write smut.

The Sexual Politics of Topping

Lecture with handouts; ideal for 20+ people in a classroom or lecture hall

In some ways, it's easier as a feminist to justify bottoming or submitting than it is to reconcile topping or domination. Consent and agency are key issues in feminism, and they translate well to justifying the exploration of receiving pleasure through bold sensation or temporarily giving over power and authority over one's body. But the craving to dominate someone else, to find pleasure in someone else's pain, to grin like a fool and get off on making someone cry—the politics of topping are difficult and multi-faceted. In this workshop we'll explore power theory, consent, and agency, as key issues to comprehend in topping; we'll discuss different kinds of topping and stages to enhance your skills as a top.

ADVANCED

Bad Boys: Masculinity & Dominance

Presented at Dark Odyssey: Fusion. Ideal for 20-30 people

Everyone loves a bad boy: they know what they want, and they take it...and probably ride away on a motorcycle afterwards. But how can you be a bad boy without being an asshole? How do you practice that potent combination of masculinity and dominance without misogyny or internalized homophobia and with respect for women? How can you enhance your dominance in consensual, loving ways? On the flip side, how can you bring that dominant side out of someone who may be nervous to let it emerge? How do you become – or find – the bad boy of your dreams? Learn from a pro: Sinclair Sexsmith, kinky queer butch top who's been writing about dominance since 2006, will teach you how to get what you want.

So You Want To Be A Daddy?

Intermediate to advanced; best for 15-30 people

Do you have a reaction when you think about being a Daddy? Maybe it scares you, or maybe you know you want to do it but you don't know how. Come join in this intimate workshop where Sinclair Sexsmith reveals their path to becoming a Daddy, what it means in the context of leather culture or dyke culture. We'll discuss the erotics of family and the connection to age play, the codependence and differentiation of deep psychological play, and how to enhance your Daddy skills, whether someone is calling you Daddy or not.

Protocol in D/s Relationships

Intermediate to advanced; best for 25-35 people

When taking D/s from the bedroom into a 24/7 relationship, one of the most fun practices is having protocol to follow. But where do you start? Join Sinclair Sexsmith in this advanced class about asymmetric power balances and do some self-reflection to figure out just what types of protocol you might like to explore. Whether you're a top or a bottom, a dom or a sub, you can explore ways to negotiate more power play rules and restrictions that enhance your connection with your partner and keep your erotics going strong.

Leaving Marks: Biting, Punching, Cutting, and More

Hands-on demonstration class; demo bottom needed. Ideal for 20-30 people in a private setting

Leaving marks is one of Sinclair Sexsmith's favorite things. Marking a submissive or bottom can be a strong bonding practice that enhances your power dynamics and deepens your connection. A mark on someone's body—



Photo by Bill Wadman

be it temporary or permanent—can lead to a feeling of possession and power, of vulnerability and ownership. Come to this exploratory, interactive demonstration and see some examples of leaving marks on your partner. We'll explore leaving bruises through biting, punching, and other percussion implements; permanent marks like piercings, tattoos, cuttings, and brands; and temporary options like permanent markers and body hair.

Advanced Cock Confidence: Graduate Level Strapping On

Intermediate to advanced; best for 15–30 people

So you know how to strap on—great! Are you looking to increase sensation for yourself and your partner? How can you enhance sensation, both as the giver and the receiver? Are there contradictions to receiving penetration as a guy, a butch, or a stud? How does strap on play change as our bodies get older? What size is your cock, and what size should it be? Come learn more about constructing an advanced cock-centric sexuality, and preview some of the more unusual cocks on the market made for packing, pissing, and shooting. We'll continue the cock confidence discussion and talk about cock mindfulness as well.



*Cock Confidence workshop at BUTCH Voices National Conference 2011, at Feelmore 510 in Oakland, CA
photo by Lauren Cohn-Frankel*

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Download [Sinclair's press kit here](#), including high resolution photographs that can be used in workshop promotion.

Download [Sinclair's academic and theory-based workshop list for 2012-2013 here](#).

Look up [Sinclair's travel schedule here](#) and see if Sinclair is coming to your town anytime soon—they are always glad to add a workshop on to already existing travel.

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